

Cong. Ted Weiss
House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Weiss,

Thanks you very much for your fine speech of the 17 on the CIA exemption bill.

For your information and file, because this most certainly will continue to be a perplexing and difficult problem, I enclose copies of what I am sending to the New York Times and a reflection of the CIA's actual record in FOIA cases. The latter bears on what can be expected of it despite its promises.

For whatever good it may do, I believe the ACLU should be asked over and over again, what was the great rush with Congress about to end and suppose it does not work out the way you conjecture that it will?

I remember only too clearly the ACLU's record in the past when its liberal leadership feared reaction. It sought to compromise, wound up compromised and pursuing policies that were self-destructive. The result is that in the red hunts of those days many people suffered. That they were innocent is beside the point. They were guilty, without crime or trial, to the ACLU.

Imagine its leader Morris Ernst as G. Edgar Hoover's lawyer!

Best wishes,